

August 22, 2019

Via ECFS Filing

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

***Re: Tribal Telecommunications, WC Docket Nos. 18-155, 10-90, 17-287, & 11-42***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 13, 2019, Joseph RedCloud, Executive Director of the Oceti Sakowin Tribal Utility Authority (“OSTUA”) and Gene DeJordy, Attorney for the OSTUA, met with Nirali Patel, Wireline Advisor for FCC Chairman Pai, to discuss Tribal telecommunications concerns, including the (i) importance of maintaining intercarrier compensation for all traffic terminated by rural local exchange carriers, (ii) the need to accurately define broadband coverage in rural areas for purposes of determining availability of high cost universal service support, and (iii) the critical role of Lifeline service for residents of Tribal lands and the need to proceed cautiously on reforms like the National Verifier and minimum standards that threaten the availability and affordability of Lifeline service. Joe RedCloud released the attached Statement on his travel to Washington, DC and meetings with the office of FCC Chairman Pai and the Congressional offices of Senator Mike Rounds, Representative Dusty Johnson, and the Senate Commerce Committee.

Any questions concerning this filing should be directed to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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